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## SWIMMING IN A DIFFERENT OIL

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## Rideshare service eyes Calgary

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### TappCar to host info session for would-be drivers



**Helen Pike**  
Metro | Calgary

Don't believe what the rideshare companies say — Calgary's bylaws are attractive to some Transportation Network Companies.

The self-described hybrid between Uber and taxis is hoping to set up in Calgary, where they say the bylaw is favourable for their Transportation Network Company's model — some parts even better than Edmonton, where the company has been up and running for a month.

"Most of our drivers are full-time drivers," said spokesperson Pascal

Ryffel. "The fee model is per driver compared to Edmonton where it's more of a blanket model. We prefer the system in Calgary on that front because if you make the fee per driver you have to be selective ... you're only going to pick drivers you're willing to invest in."

In Edmonton, TappCar has 250 drivers on the road but sifted through over 800 applications to get there. They hire based on good customer service, driving experience and look for vehicles that are under five years old.

But they can't have a business here if they don't have drivers. So, on Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. at the Teamsters Union Hall, 663 Burleigh Cres. SW the company will host a driver information session.

"If that's positive we're going to be moving forward fairly quickly," Ryffel said. "Our early indications are very positive, we get a sense it won't be a problem."

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# A good goodbye

GOOD WILL

## Refugee group leaves digs, but parties before packing up

**Krista Sylvester**  
For Metro | Calgary

It's goodbye for now, but not forever — at least a Syrian refugee support group hopes that's the case as they search for a new space to call their home away from home.

Dozens of Syrian refugees, volunteers and supporters of the Syrian Refugee Support Group Calgary (SRSGC) spent Sunday saying goodbye to what they called their home base for the last five months — and it was a bittersweet celebration for those who spent many hours at the community hub.

Sam Nammoura, co-founder of the SRSGC, said the event was a way to thank supporters and

say goodbye to the space.

"We are celebrating what our city did collectively to welcome the newcomers and to do our best to make the resettlement as smooth as possible. From hugs, to welcoming at the airport, to helping with English — a lot of people came through this door and we are thankful," he said.

The space was donated by an anonymous Calgarian who said the group could use it rent-free until it was needed by the owner, even extending the stay two extra months — but the time has come, leaving the group to find a new space.

"It doesn't need to be a warehouse but we are looking for a place to maintain that community hub feeling," said Nammoura. "Everyone has settled in nicely and we are re-shifting our focus to helping them learn English and helping them find jobs."

While Sunday was a celebration for many, including newcomer Noura Alraies and her family, it also feels like a goodbye to what felt like their first home.

"We feel sad because we lost this warehouse; it's actually not just a warehouse, it's like our house. When we were lonely, we would come visit everybody, especially the people who work here. It was full of love and compassion and now it is empty," the mother of four said.

"But we are so thankful, we hope to find another place like this where we can come."



**Top:** Syrian Refugee Support Calgary co-founder Liz Joma had a blast Sunday afternoon during the celebration of the warehouse closure. **Bottom:** Dancing, from left, co-founders Saima Jamal and Sam Nammoura, and Walid Falah. JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

PROVINCE

## Farm and forestry agencies get axe

**Kevin Maimann**  
Metro | Edmonton

Half of the agencies, boards and commissions (ABCs) under the Alberta government's agriculture and forestry ministry are being dissolved following this week's budget, but some had not been functioning for years.

Department spokesperson Renato Gandia said the Alberta Farm Safety Council had not met since 2012.

"This is really a housekeeping matter, to formally dissolve this council. They have not been active for years," Gandia said.

Money was no longer being allocated to the council, which is one of the six agricultural ABCs to get the axe. Another is the Alberta Livestock and Meat Agency, which was still functioning but will now have its work carried out by other areas of the ministry. That move is expected to save more than \$3 million annually.

The existence of superfluous ABCs sparked a review of all 136 ABCs last year, resulting in Thursday's announcement that 26 will be dissolved for a savings of \$33 million.

Gandia said the changes aim to create a "more direct relationship between government and industry stakeholders, while also creating operational efficiencies and reducing costs."

**"We are looking for a place to maintain that community hub feeling."**

Sam Nammoura

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# Calgary woman jumps into action

## COMMUNITY

### Ecuadorian-Canadian collecting for quake victims

As the devastation mounts, a Calgary Ecuadorian woman is spearheading efforts to collect donations for victims in the earthquake-ravaged country.

Federal officials say two Canadians are among the at least 246 people killed by the magnitude 7.8 earthquake that struck 170 kilometres away from the capital, Quito, on Sunday. More than 2,500 were injured.

Having spent most of her life in Ecuador, Cristina Almeida has lived in Calgary for the last 10 years, but still has many friends and family back home. She said most have been accounted for.

"It's been devastating; thankfully my family and friends seem to be okay. Even though the phones were down, the In-

ternet has worked and we were able to make contact on social media, but the overall damage is catastrophic," she said.

"They have lost homes and family members; they've lost everything they have. It's worse than what we are seeing in pictures. The airport is closed, towns are closed off from help, buildings and bridges have collapsed and all of those pictures of people in panic are really hard to see."

Although the project is in its infancy, Almeida is in talks with the embassy of Ecuador in Vancouver — there isn't one in Calgary — to create a plan to collect donations in Calgary and send them to the victims of the earthquake.

"My idea is to collect items like blankets, canned food, clothes, water, first aid kits and medicine. These are all things that people will need," Almeida said.

"I know Calgarians and Canadians are very supportive and generous during hard times like this and I am so grateful. Every



**My idea is to collect items like blankets, canned food, clothes, water, first aid kits and medicine.**

Cristina Almeida

little bit counts."

Almeida is searching for a church or community centre to store the donations while waiting to hear from the consulate on how to get the donations to Ecuador. Those wanting to help can contact Almeida at [yychelpingecuador@gmail.com](mailto:yychelpingecuador@gmail.com). The consulate is accepting monetary donations through the Red Cross.

The earthquake is the strongest to hit Ecuador since 1979. Federal officials have been in touch with the families of the Canadians who died, but they have not yet been named.

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Rescue workers stand behind rubble after the earthquake in Portoviejo, Ecuador, on Sunday.

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Amelie, Puerto Caya

"As a chief designer for HolaEcuador in Canada, I often had to go to Ecuador to meet with suppliers and look for finishing materials. I just fell in love with the country and its charming people and I finally decided to relocate.

I still work for HolaEcuador, as a Quality Control Supervisor. In my spare time, I like to go jogging on the beach and surfing at one of the many hotspots along the southern Ecuadorian coast.

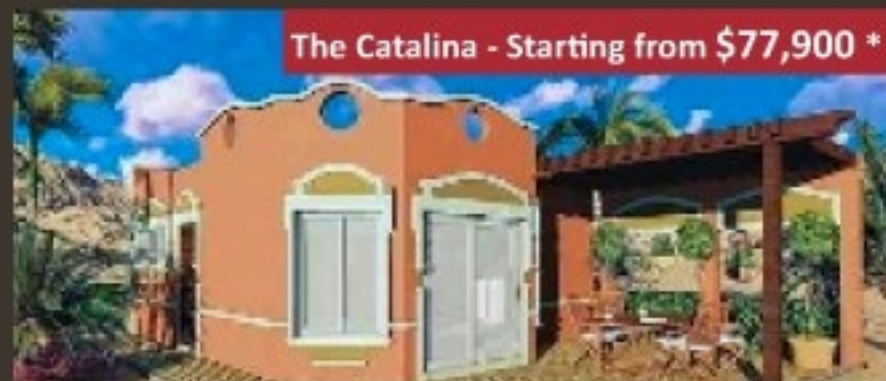
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# 5 THINGS TO WATCH AT COUNCIL

City councillors are getting together for their regular meeting at city hall on Monday. We've picked out five of the most interesting items.

**Jeremy Simes**  
For Metro | Calgary



## 1 Green Line under the Bow

The city will present results of the Green Line LRT Centre City evaluation on Monday, but sources have told Metro the city will suggest the expensive but much faster tunnel under the Bow River. The city examined five possible routes in downtown for the Green Line, evaluating each plan based on environmental sustainability, technical feasibility and cost, among others. Though it's unclear if cost estimates have changed, the estimated cost difference between the least expensive (a dedicated LRT line taking up a lane of the Centre Street bridge) and the most expensive (the tunnel option under the Bow) was \$700 million.



## 2 Southwest BRT

A report headed to committee on Wednesday will outline ballooning cost estimates for the controversial transitway project. The total cost could be up to \$66 million, a 65 per cent jump from the original 2010 estimate of \$40 million. Mayor Naheed Nenshi isn't happy about the new price tag, so councillors are demanding answers from city bureaucrats.



## 3 Tax reduction talk

On Monday, council will discuss if it will lower taxes for Calgarians after the city reported an \$86-million surplus in March. About \$32 million has been set aside for a contingency fund for budgeting shortfalls, leaving \$54 million for council to decide on. A recent report shows Calgarians are asking the city to spend less on improving services and focus more on lowering taxes. Some councillors have argued the cash could be put into capital projects funded under the pay-as-you go model, while others think locals are in need of an ease due to the economic downturn.




## 4 Budget updates

Council will give a verbal update on the federal and provincial budgets recently tabled. Last week, the province announced in its 2016 budget that it won't rebate the City of Calgary on the new carbon tax. Nenshi said the move "isn't going to fly." And if the city and the province don't come to an agreement on how to handle the extra taxation, money will likely be cut or shuffled in Calgary's budget, possibly in the form of property taxes.

## 5 Pedestrian strategy

Is 30 the new 40? The city is set to launch an eight-month evaluation of residential speed limits to see if lowering them from 50 km/h to 40 km/h — or even 30 km/h — could make Calgary streets safer. This week, the city's transportation committee will see a report that shows 50 km/h "represents a real danger to pedestrians" in residential areas. The document urges the city to come up with a research summary that analyzes the costs and benefits with 40 km/h and 30 km/h speed limits.





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## CRIME

## Man charged with sex assault at pool



**Aaron Chatha**  
Metro | Calgary

A man from Calgary has been arrested and charged with sexual assault after an alleged incident at a Lethbridge hotel swimming pool.

On Sunday, police received a complaint from an adult female and two minors — both female — regarding an adult man touching them inappropriately at the swimming pool.

Officials said they arrested a man, from the hotel, without incident.

He has been identified as Wijdan Yasir, 28, of Calgary, and has been charged with three counts of sexual assault, and two counts of sexual interference with a minor.

Police said the victims were not known to the accused.

“Because the incident took place at a hotel swimming pool, it’s possible there may be other victims that have not yet been identified,” said Lethbridge police duty inspector Jamie Fisher.

Yasir was released on bail and is due in court on April 29.

Police are asking anyone with additional information to come forward to police.



**Because the incident took place at a hotel swimming pool, it’s possible there may be other victims.**

Lethbridge police duty inspector Jamie Fisher

## FIRE

## Mom, five kids flee as garage burns

A mother and her five children were forced to evacuate their home before firefighters arrived to battle an extensive garage fire.

At about 2:45 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, the Calgary Fire Department was dispatched to a structure fire in the 200 block of Saddlemead Dr. NE. While en route, fire crews confirmed they were facing a garage on fire that was threatening surrounding homes.

Crew brought the fire under control, but not before extensive damage was done to the garage. Officials said there were no vehicles inside at the time of the incident.

There was minor exterior damage from heat exposure

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There was minor exterior damage from heat exposure to the home, and a neighbouring house.

to the home, and a neighbouring house.

No one was home at the damaged neighbouring house at the time.

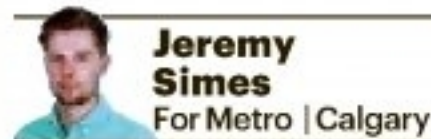
Crews remained on scene to conduct overhaul and salvage operations. There were no injuries reported, and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

METRO CALGARY STAFF

# Cold truth: Fentanyl tears a family apart

## DRUG DEATHS

## Brother had been fighting his addiction for 20 years



**Jeremy Simes**  
For Metro | Calgary

Fentanyl has destroyed Katie Suvanto’s family.

“This isn’t a hero story,” Suvanto said. “It’s a hard, cold reality story — one we are still trying to digest.”

Suvanto’s stepbrother, Adam, was among the 272 Albertans who died from the deadly drug last year. Adam, she said, had been battling his addiction for 20 years.

He was found dead sitting up in his bed. His cigarette was still lit.

“Something got ahold of him,” Katie said. “He was always the pleaser as a kid. He had the biggest smile on his face, and then every time you’d see him, that smile changed. You looked at someone who was completely different than what you grew up with.”

“I just don’t understand it, and who he became.”

As the family grappled with Adam’s addiction — sending him back to rehab multiple times — Katie admitted she distanced herself from her brother.

“You couldn’t do anything because you couldn’t put your family at risk,” she said.

The family tried, she added. But they still question if they could’ve done more.



Adam Courtoreille died after overdosing on fentanyl late last year. CONTRIBUTED

“I haven’t spoken with my siblings since (his death),” she said. “We’re all having a very hard time. You feel guilty because you didn’t do enough or, when you do something, how is that going to help anyone today?”

Though the family deals with their guilt much differently, Katie said she has begun advocating for better access to naloxone, an antidote that can reverse the effects of opioid overdoses.

“I can’t tell you if it

**“I’m angry it was so easy to get into his hands.”**

Katie Suvanto

would’ve saved him,” she said. “It might’ve not changed him, but there’s always that small per cent that you hope maybe it could have.”

“The only thing I knew to do was to become proactive

because, hopefully, maybe one other kid can be helped.”

For her, the entire health system needs an overhaul.

“I’m angry it was so easy to get into his hands, and I’m angry I had to talk to my teenage kids about it, but you have to,” she said. “For some people, (talking about it) is embarrassing — it’s shameful, but it shouldn’t be because it’s someone you love, it’s someone you had to bury.”

“One pill can do it. That’s it.”



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Jonathan Burchill in his lab at the U of C where he is conducting his work for CSA. KENNETH APPLEBY/FOR METRO

# U of C prof takes work into space

## SCIENCE

**Research focuses on the measurement of weather**



Lucie Edwardson  
Metro | Calgary

A University of Calgary researcher is taking his findings out of this world.

Jonathan Burchill, an adjunct assistant professor in U of C's physics department has been commissioned by the Canadian Space Agency (CSA) to design a prototype of a tiny space instrument that will test weather in space including wind speeds and temperatures of space surrounding earth.

Burchill said there are many benefits, including a much lower cost, to making this technology smaller.

"It's lower mass will cost much less to launch into orbit compared to conventional scientific satellites," he said.

Burchill said the hope is that the technology will lead the way for space missions

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Burchill's contract with CSA is worth \$382,000

involving groups of nano-satellites that will help advance the understanding of space environments.

"It's very exciting stuff," he said. "The miniature plasma imager will be very low weight which will allow it to be used on the nano-satellites."

The scientist said he's familiar with this kind of research, as he has done similar work in the past on a project called Swarm for the European Space Agency — an earth observing satellite, and that part of the technology from that project is the basis of Burchill's current work.

"It's a bit of a return and improvement on some of the work I did in the past," he said. "It's a great opportunity to keep the work moving forward."

Burchill said his contract with CSA is \$382,000, and that he has hired a U of C student to assist him with his research.



**It's a great opportunity to keep the work moving forward.**

Jonathan Burchill

## INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

# Protesters rally to support Attawapiskat youth

**Krista Sylvester**  
For Metro | Calgary

"Attawapiskat's pain is our pain too."

So read the signs adorning a peaceful solidarity rally held at Olympic Plaza Sunday afternoon to raise awareness for the epidemic of suicide attempts on the Attawapiskat First Nation in northern Ontario, which has a popula-

tion of less than 3,000 people. Over 100 suicide attempts have happened in the last eight months, including 11 on one night alone.

People gathered across the country in solidarity, including right here in Calgary where people are bringing attention to the important issue, according to organizer Nancy Simmons.

"It is because of the bravery and resiliency the youth of Attawapiskat have shown in

telling their stories that this movement has taken place," she said, adding the most important issue is to protect the youth.

One of the suicide attempts was a nine-year-old child.

"These youth are in crisis. We have to focus on them and finding solutions to find more pride in themselves so that suicide is no longer an option."

Dozens of people came out to the event, which included several speakers, drummers

and singers, and discussions about possible solutions to issues facing aboriginal nations.

"This is about solidarity and support. We hear you and we're doing what we can to help you. There is a community that cares about them. Suicide is not just a First Nations issue; it's a society issue and it affects all of us no matter where you come from," she added.

The First Nation declared a state of emergency this month.



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## WE ASKED YOU: THE FUTURE OF THE SADDLEDOME



Jennifer Friesen  
For Metro

# If there's no hockey in the Saddledome, how would you repurpose the building? Or would you demolish it?

I think it depends on if they're going to hold concerts in the new arena or not — mean, maybe as an overflow or more concert area or more conferences or wine festivals. It's capital, right, if demolishing it means having to have more capital expenditures and increased tax rates, that would not be ideal.

It can still be used for the Stampede, and you can keep all the events in there. And maybe the Calgary Hitmen would stay there and maybe make that their home. As long as it's there it's good for concerts and entertainment.

I think if you were to remove hockey it would just allow more venue space for concerts and bigger events like that, and the Stampede obviously. I think it would just allow more space and bigger things to come to the city more frequently. Without the Flames being in there it would free up a lot of time.

I like the Saddledome as it is right now, I love it during the Stampede. I think it has heritage, so I think it should be preserved. I would like to see hockey stay there.

I would build loft buildings, you could make a lot of money with that. It should be modified into an off-extension of 17th Avenue. I would live where the Saddledome is — it's close to downtown, the LRT and the river, so I definitely promote residential development.



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### BELTLINE

## Neighbourhood association forms to give community voice



Aaron Chatha  
Metro | Calgary

Neighbourhoods in the Beltline now have a united voice with the launch of a new commun-

ity association.

Co-founder Peter Oliver has lived in the Beltline for more than a decade, and believes it's one of the best areas of the city.

He hopes the new community association helps establish elements people who are hoping

to raise families will look for.

"There's not really an active organization or outlet to get involved in the community here and make it a better place," he said.

And with new projects going through the area, like the new

Green Line station, work in Victoria Park and the 17 Avenue revitalization, Oliver said the association will be able to advocate on behalf of the community.

"You need an organization that has the connections in the community and can engage the

community to make sure their voices are heard and the interests of these neighbourhoods are represented in large scale projects," said Oliver.

As a constantly evolving neighbourhood, with a focus on diversity, housing and businesses,

Oliver said something like this is needed.

The Beltline Neighbourhoods Association will be hosting a meet and greet session at Last Best Brewery at 6 p.m. on April 25. For more information, visit [www.beltlineyyyc.ca](http://www.beltlineyyyc.ca).

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# Geologist learns the art of adapting

## ECONOMY

### Turning from the oil patch to oil painting in tough times



**Jeremy Simes**  
For Metro | Calgary

Neil Dawson isn't exactly starting with a blank canvas.

Calgarians like Dawson — a geologist who's seen less contract work — have felt the effects of the economic downturn since oil prices fell. But, like so many who've found other means to diversify their trades, Dawson is using his love of art to leverage the dip in his geology work.

"I always thought, 'I'd love to do this as a bigger part of my life,'" he said. "But you don't do that because it's very difficult to jump when you're in a good position."

"But when things change, it's sort of a push and it's easier to jump."

Dawson, who's always been an artist, recently took a liking to painting portraits of



**Neil Dawson's love of painting has come in handy during the city's economic downturn.** He has taken to capturing local restaurateurs in the midst of their work. JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

local restaurateurs and the passion that occurs in their kitchens.

"There is this really interesting matrix of art, technical,

and culinary culture," he said.

"These are great images: the human body, the lighting, the sweat, the different characters in the kitchen. I just thought,

"This is my time to do this."

He said the paintings began to buoy when he painted a portrait of local foodie John Gilchrist.

"He got straight back to me and said, 'I love it. I'd love to use it as my Twitter image,'" Dawson recalled. "I presented it to him at this event and that, to me, just shows the power of social media."

Dawson has since worked with multiple establishments, including Charcut, Village Ice Cream and Whitewall.

"I'm just slowly, slowly nibbling my way out," he said. "And people are kind. There's a lot of generosity out there."

His next project will be a wall-sized canvas for Whitehall's new dining hall.

"The next thing now is to see if I can build this thing up," he said. "I'd like to make a living from it, but that's a tall order in the arts world."

Dawson emphasized he won't drop his regular job — rather, it's about finding the sweet spot where both art and geology meld.

"It's the mix I'm looking for I think — maybe do art and geology at a 50-50 ratio," he said. "Life's tough. Life's complicated. Basically, I'm trying to say, 'yes,' instead of 'no.' I'm saying 'yes' to this (art) and seeing where it goes."

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**These are great images: the human body, the lighting, the sweat, the different characters in the kitchen.**

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# Calgary man gives stroke survivors a new voice

## HEALTH

### Mathezer helps adults with aphasia communicate



**Jennifer Friesen**  
For Metro

Twenty years ago, Gordon Mathezer woke up to find himself trapped in a nightmare.

He couldn't move or speak after suffering a stroke overnight. At the hospital, the doctors said he had aphasia as a result of the stroke, which is a chronic language disorder that takes away a person's ability to communicate.

"It's an overwhelming sense of helplessness," he said. "You have to depend on other people to do things for you."

Luckily, Mathezer's case of aphasia was mild and he soon fully recovered his speech — but he never forgot what it felt like to lose his voice.

For the past 15 years he's facilitated free weekly community chat groups in Calgary, connecting adults living with aphasia with each other, and helping them communicate through trained volunteers.

"Having aphasia is like liv-

## + CASES

■ There are approximately 1,500 stroke cases in the Calgary region every year

■ One-third of the surviving 1,000 end up with aphasia

■ There are 10 other volunteers working for the Calgary Aphasia Centre

ing in a solitary cell," said Mathezer.

"There's an intelligent mind in the head, but it can't get out ... these are grown-ups who have been through many years of working life, and then, all-of-the-sudden, they can't read or write or add up numbers or speak. I've experienced some of it myself, so I wanted to do something to help."

Today, approximately 40 people are a part of the New Voices Chat groups across the city. Through sharing stories and helping people find the words they're searching for, the meetings are intended to help people to cope with their disability while finding solace with one another.

According to Mathezer, the health care system offers speech therapy to aphasia patients while in the hospi-



After suffering from a stroke himself, Gordon Mathezer began volunteering his time to run a support group for people living with aphasia. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

tal. After leaving, they have approximately six to eight months of group therapy before their help runs out.

"After that is over, they are just left on their own," he said. "And this disability is chronic, it's life-long, so we're just trying to fill that huge gap between the short term help and the rest of their lives."

Mathezer may be retired, but he hasn't slowed down

on the cause. He helped spearhead plans with the Stroke Recovery Association of Calgary to launch a Calgary Aphasia Centre out of the seven chat groups, and is working to keep expanding with the help of volunteers and speech-language pathologists.

Despite the countless hours he's volunteered, Mathezer said it's all worth it when he sees someone's eyes light up and a

grin stretch across their face when he understands what they were trying to say.

"That's the most rewarding experience I have had," he said. "It is more rewarding and more important than those paid jobs that I used to have. I wouldn't exchange it for the big salaries that I was making before."

For more information, email [calgary.aphasia.centre@gmail.com](mailto:calgary.aphasia.centre@gmail.com).

## HAPPENINGS

### Art event back for a fourth



**Aaron Chatha**  
Metro | Calgary

Happenings is happening at Arts Commons — for the fourth time — introducing Calgarians to new artists and exhibitions within the space.

The now annual Happenings event, which takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. on April 19, acts as a reception and art party to celebrate new pieces in the Arts Commons area. It also happens to fall on the 100-year anniversary of women winning the right to vote in Alberta.

The event will have screenings of *She's Beautiful When She's Angry*, a documentary about the feminist wave in America, and performances by artists who have previously appeared at Femme Wave festival, including Hermitess.

There will also be a performance by hip-hop artist Yolanda Sargeant.

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Hafiz Mitha got inspired when he had trouble finding a tennis partner last year. COURTESY TAMEEZA MITHA

# App fills up other side of the court

## SPORTS

### Play City scans for players by area, skill level



Aaron Chatha  
Metro | Calgary

Do you even lift, bro?

If you keep receiving a disappointing "No" to that question, a Calgary app called Play City might be just what you need to find a counterpart.

Covering a range of activities — from gym workouts to tennis, badminton, squash, soccer, hockey and even jogging — the app connects users to people nearby who have the same skill level and, most importantly, who can match schedules.

Launched last week, users log into the app through Facebook and can enter their skill level for sports they like to play on a scale of one to five. They can then search

for other people nearby and ask to connect with players of the same skill level — or a higher skill level, if you're looking for a challenge.

That said, the user also has to accept your match request, so not every small fry is going to get a chance to play with the big dogs. If accepted, the two users can chat and work out the minutia of their games and schedules.

Creator Hafiz Mitha said he got the idea when he was

"When people are new to the city or the neighbourhood or whatever it is, it's an easy way to meet people in the area."

He's also partnering with the City of Calgary to promote active living through the app and help people explore the city.

"We have amazing facilities. There are so many awesome facilities all around the city that people don't even know about," he said. "There are so many things



A lot of my closest friends now are guys I met through sports.

Hafiz Mitha

struggling to find a tennis partner last year. He hopes it will result in more than a few lasting relationships.

"A lot of my closest friends now are guys I met through sports," he said. "It's definitely a way to meet people and base a relationship off of a shared interest right away.

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"Physical activity is connected to mental health, emotional health; there's so many benefits to being active and healthy."

The app is currently available for iOS devices. For more information, visit [playcityapp.com](http://playcityapp.com).

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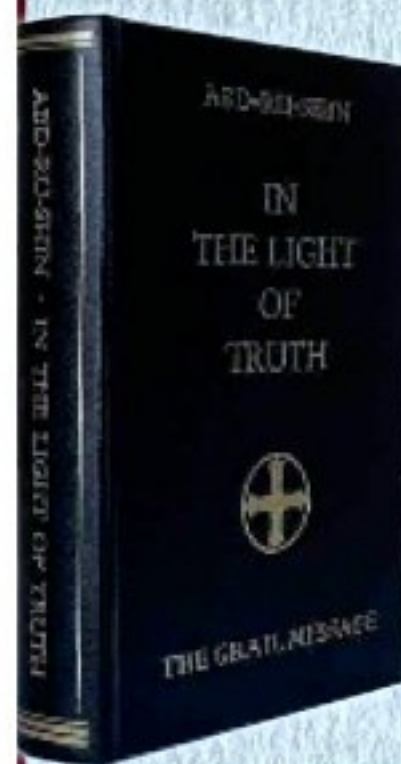
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# 'A war on our families'

## HEALTH

## Four mothers heading to UN to fight against war on drugs

Nearly four years after her daughter died of an opioid overdose, Donna May will share her story of loss and learning at the United Nations.

May's daughter Jac, 35, died on Aug. 21, 2012, after overdosing on pain medication prescribed to help her cope with a flesh-eating disease she'd contracted after years of addiction and life on the streets.

"From the time she passed away until (now) all I've done is advocate for drug policy reform and to have other people receive the education I was given so they don't face the situation the same way I did. And that's my daughter's legacy," May said in an interview.

May and three other mothers whose children lost their lives to drugs have been invited by the Canadian government to attend a three-day UN session that be-



“There are too many victims to the war on drugs.”  
Donna May

Donna May holds a photograph of her late daughter Jac in Toronto on Thursday. Jac died in 2012 after overdosing on pain medication. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

gins Tuesday aimed at addressing the world's drug problem. May is slated to speak at a side event on the final day of the conference.

Other groups from around the world are expected to travel to New York to ask that the UN and governments end the war on drugs.

Last year, the women helped

found the group Mothers United and Mandated to Saving the Lives of Drug Users, or mumsDU. It advocates for harm reduction and drug-policy reform, and has expanded to include about 400 parents of children whose deaths are in some way linked to drugs.

Fellow co-founder Jennifer Woodside of Vancouver lost her

21-year-old son Dylan Woodside two years ago after he took oxycodone laced with the powerful painkiller fentanyl. He was one of the earliest to die in a series of fentanyl-linked deaths that is still claiming lives across Canada.

Her goal for the upcoming UN session is to give her son a voice and to make sure he didn't die

in vain, she said.

MumsDU has made inroads in its advocacy, successfully lobbying the government to make the overdose-reversal medication naloxone available without a prescription.

Leslie McBain will travel from her home on Pender Island, B.C., to New York on behalf of the group. She wants to see international drug policy move away from a punitive approach and toward a system that places more emphasis on health and social care.

A successful outcome from the UN meeting would be a declaration that the war on drugs has failed, McBain said.

Her son, Jordan Miller, died of an oxycodone overdose in Victoria in early 2014.

"The war on drugs has been a war on our families," said Lorna Thomas, another mumsDU co-founder from Edmonton.

One consequence of the recent spate of fentanyl-related overdoses is the changing dialogue around addiction and drug abuse, given the sheer number of deaths linked to the illicit substance, said Thomas.

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## ROYALS

## Canadians divided on monarchy



Emily Jackson  
Metro | Vancouver

Canadians continue to respect Queen Elizabeth II as she prepares to celebrate her 90th birthday on Thursday, but the country is less sold on the idea of keeping the monarchy forever.

While two-thirds of Canadians say the respected Queen should continue to be recognized as head of state, less than half (42 per cent) want the country to maintain its constitutional monarchy for future generations, according to an Angus Reid Institute survey released Monday. Almost the same number (38 per cent) wants out from under the royals' thumbs entirely while the remaining 20 per cent isn't sure.

Part of the problem is the immediate heir to the throne, Angus Reid executive director Shachi Kurl said. Only 46 per cent support Prince Charles, perhaps due to prolonged fallout from the Princess Diana scandal, compared to second-in-line Prince William, who enjoys 63 per cent support.

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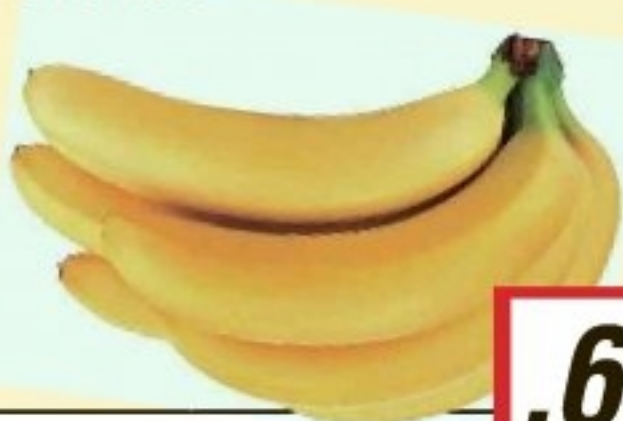
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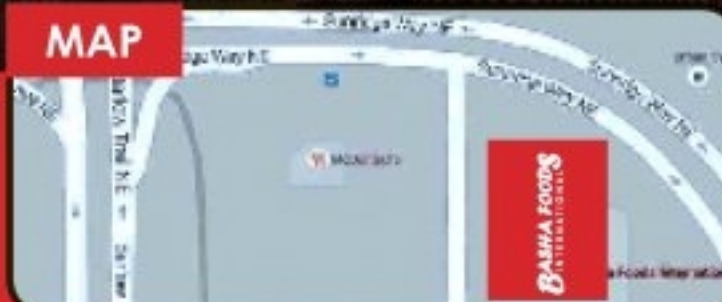
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# Prairies feeling the heat

## CLIMATE CHANGE

### Warming temperatures offering more opportunities

When Kendall Heise started farming about 20 years ago, he grew cool-season grains like wheat and canola — in the harsh climes of Manitoba, it wasn't like he had much choice.

This spring, he plans to also plant warm-season soybeans and corn.

"We were, and still are, somewhat limited in what we can grow because of the cold climate," says Heise. "But it's changing ... spring comes a little earlier and the fall a bit later and we are taking advantage of it."

Western Canada's cold and short growing seasons have historically prevented farmers from planting crops like soybeans. But as temperatures have risen and

growing seasons have grown longer, the extra days between the last and first frost have given farmers a chance to grow new, potentially more lucrative, crops. In a paper in 2011,

Paul Bullock, a University of Manitoba professor, analyzed rainfall and temperature data from 12 Prairie weather stations and found that warming from the 1920s to 2000 has allowed farmers to plant more crops that are traditionally grown in the warmer U.S. states.

(For the Prairies, scientists have predicted average high temperatures will increase by 2-3 C and lows will increase by about 3 C by mid century. Precipitation is also expected to increase by three to seven per cent.)

In some regions of western Canada, the length of the frost-free period — from the last day of spring when it freezes to the last day of fall when it doesn't — has increased by almost two weeks, substantial in farming terms.

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## PARENTAL LEAVE

# Minister eyes dedicated time for fathers

The federal government is signalling that when it finally unveils changes to parental leave rules, there will be provisions dedicated exclusively to new fathers.

When Prime Minister Justin Trudeau mused about the idea last month at the United Nations, it was in the context of more gender equality and increasing opportunities for women in the workforce.

In an interview this week, Labour Minister MaryAnn Mi-

hychuk said she's interested in making dedicated paternity leave a part of promised changes to parental leave under the employment insurance program.

Dedicated leave for fathers is already in place in Quebec, where fathers alone are allowed to take five weeks of leave with the provincial benefits system covering 70 per cent of their salary. Elsewhere in Canada, fathers can split up to 35 weeks of leave with new

mothers.

Labour Minister MaryAnn Miychuk said she's keen to see dedicated leave only for fathers allowed on a national scale.

"I'm open to promoting some fairly large changes in that whole sector because families have a tough time — especially when you have preschoolers," she said in an interview this week.

"And if you have children under two, it's a real challenge for those families, so I think we

want to modernize the system."

The Liberals promised during the election to extend parental benefits under the employment insurance system to 18 months from 12.

"We're going to look at the overall program on maternity and family leave or parental and compassionate (care); we're going to make it more flexible but maybe we need to look at it even bigger," she said. "This is like Phase 2 of the EI reforms."

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# Two Canadians believed dead

Federal officials say two Canadians are among at least 246 people killed by a devastating earthquake in Ecuador.

Global Affairs Canada spokeswoman Rachna Mishra confirms two Quebecers were among the victims of the earthquake, centred about 170 kilometres northwest of the capital, Quito.

The agency says consular officials are in contact with the families of the two Canadians, who have not been named.

The 7.8-magnitude earthquake is the strongest to hit Ecuador since 1979, levelling buildings and buckling highways along the Pacific Coast of the South American country.

President Rafael Correa has declared a national emergency and some 10,000 armed forces have been deployed to the earthquake region in addition to 4,600 national police.

Global Affairs has asked friends and relatives of those known to be travelling in Ecuador to contact their emergency response centre.

"I am saddened to learn of the tragic loss of life stemming from Saturday's devastating earthquake near the central coast

of Ecuador which has already cost the lives of at least 233, including two Canadians," Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion said in a release Sunday.

"Canadian officials at our embassy in Quito are reaching out to Canadian citizens in-country and providing assistance to Canadians affected by the earthquake. We will continue to work with local authorities to assess impact and needs on the ground."

Reports out of Ecuador said rescuers are struggling to reach survivors trapped in the ruins of fallen buildings.

The quake was felt in neighbouring Colombia and more than 135 aftershocks followed.

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**"I am saddened to learn of the tragic loss of life stemming from Saturday's devastating earthquake."**

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Scenes of destruction after a massive earthquake in Pedernales, Ecuador, on Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Death toll on the rise in Ecuador

## NATURAL DISASTER

### Strong quake kills hundreds, injures more than 2,500

Aid began to flow in Sunday to areas devastated by Ecuador's strongest earthquake in decades and the death toll continued to rise as people left homeless hunkered down for another night outside in the dark.

Officials said the quake killed at least 246 people and injured more than 2,500 along Ecuador's coast. Vice-President Jorge Glas said the toll was likely to rise because a large number of people remained unaccounted for, though he declined to say how many.

Much damage was reported in the cities of Manta, Portoviejo and Guayaquil, which are all several hundred kilometres from the epicentre of the quake that struck shortly after nightfall Saturday.

But the loss of life seemed to be far worse in isolated, smaller towns closed to the centre of the earthquake.

In Pedernales, a town of 40,000 near the epicentre, soldiers put up a field hospital in a stadium where hundreds of people prepared to sleep outside for a second straight night. Downed power cables snaked across the streets with no prospect of electricity being restored soon, making it unsafe for many to return to their homes.

The town's mayor said looting

More than 3,000 packages of food and nearly 8,000 sleeping kits were being delivered Sunday. Ecuador's ally, Venezuela and neighbouring Colombia, where the quake was also felt, organized airlifts of humanitarian aid. The European Union, Spain, Peru and Mexico also pledged aid.

Rescuers scrambled through ruins in the provincial capital Portoviejo, digging with their

**"Everything can be rebuilt, but what can't be rebuilt are human lives. President Rafael Correa**

broke out Saturday night amid the chaos but with the arrival of 14,000 police and soldiers to towns in the quake zone the situation appeared more under control.

President Rafael Correa, who cut short a trip to Rome to oversee relief efforts, declared a national emergency and urged Ecuadorians to stay strong.

"Everything can be rebuilt, but what can't be rebuilt are human lives, and that's the most painful," he said in a telephone call to state TV before departing Rome for Manta.

hands trying to find survivors. "For god's sake help me find my family," pleaded Manuel Quijije, 27, standing next to a wrecked building. He said his older brother, Junior, was trapped under a pile of twisted steel and concrete with two relatives.

"We managed to see his arms and legs. They're his, they're buried, but the police kicked us out because they say there's a risk the rest of the building will collapse," Quijije said angrily as he looked on the ruins cordoned off by police. "We're not afraid. We're desperate." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# Rebel shells kill 10 children in Aleppo

**SYRIA**  
**UN warning humanitarian conditions are 'desperate'**

Ten children have been killed by rebel shelling on Syria's largest city this weekend, as the UN warned of "desperate" conditions inside a war-ravaged Palestinian refugee camp in Damascus that is home to about 10,000 civilians. The violence underscores the fragility of the ceasefire in Syria, which has unraveled in the north despite ongoing peace negotiations.

Rebel shelling killed sixteen people in Aleppo — including six adults, and three young siblings — a monitoring group said Sunday. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said that airstrikes killed another six people in the opposition-held parts of the city's old quarters.

Syria's state news agency, SANA, said at least five of the sixteen dead in the government-held areas were killed by rebel snipers and said a further ten were injured.

Syria's warring factions have returned to violence in recent weeks, spoiling a period of relative calm brought about by a partial ceasefire that went

into effect in late February. The UN warned that humanitarian conditions are "desperate" inside a Palestinian refugee camp home to about 10,000 civilians in the capital, Damascus.

agency, UNRWA, said violent battles between extremists have left residents of the Yarmouk camp without food or water for more than a week. "Civilians in Yarmouk are facing starvation and dehydration alongside the heightened risks of serious injury and death from the armed conflict," said UNRWA spokesman Chris Gunness.

The camp, a built-up neighbourhood once home to an estimated 150,000 people, has been ravaged by fighting between Daesh and al-Qaida's Syrian affiliate, the Nusra Front, while government forces regularly shell it from outside.

Airstrikes near Jisr al-Shughour in opposition-held Idlib province killed three civilians, the Observatory reported. Pro-government forces intensified their shelling and bombing on an opposition-held pocket north of Homs, the country's third-largest city, according to the Local Coordination Committees, an activist network.

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The UN Palestinian refugee



This picture taken on Jan. 31, 2014 shows residents of the Palestinian camp of Yarmouk queuing to receive food supplies in Damascus. UNRWA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Clooney blasts political cash

## POLITICS

### Oscar-winner calls donations an 'obscene amount'

Actor George Clooney would like to get big money out of politics — so he doesn't have to raise it.

Clooney hosted two weekend fundraisers in California on behalf of Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. Donations for attendees at an event in San Francisco topped out at \$353,000 per couple, which Clooney acknowledges is an "obscene amount of money."

The event even drew pro-Bernie Sanders demonstrators. Clooney recounted in an interview airing Sunday on NBC's Meet the Press. When he went to talk with them, he said, they called him a corporate shill.

"That's one of the funnier things you could say about me," the Oscar-winner said, though he conceded that some of the protesters had a valid point regarding a different matter.

"Their T-shirts said, you know, 'You sucked as Batman,'" said Clooney, the star of 1997's Batman & Robin, one of the least memorable films in the superhero franchise. "And I was like, 'Well, you kind of



Actor **George Clooney** hosted two fundraisers in California over the weekend on behalf of U.S. Democratic presidential candidate **Hillary Clinton**. GETTY IMAGES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

got me on that one."

Asked on CNN Sunday whether Clooney was siding with the wrong candidate, Sanders replied, "I think he is." But he praised Clooney with being honest enough to

name the problem.

Clooney said he likes many of Sanders' ideas and would gladly raise money for him if he became the Democratic nominee. But the actor said he is supporting Clinton because of his admiration of her work as secretary of state and he praised her for her efforts to avert a humanitarian crisis ahead of South Sudan's independence.

Clooney faulted Clinton for



## \$353K

Donations for attendees at a fundraiser for Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton in San Francisco topped out at \$353,000 per couple.

not better explaining where the money she is raising goes.

Most of it, he said, would end up being spent on down-ballot races including those for the Senate, which will confirm the next president's picks for the Supreme Court.

If the right justice is confirmed for the spot now open on the court, Clooney said, political campaigns could "get this obscene, ridiculous amount of money out so I never have to do a fundraiser again."

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## BOATY MCBOATFACE

### Comedic moniker tops vote

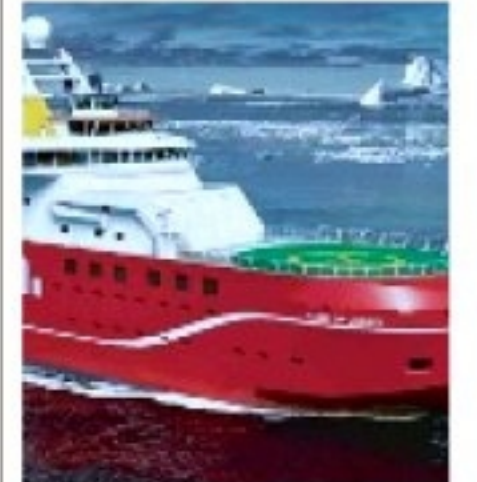
Boaty McBoatface has topped an online poll to name the U.K.'s newest polar research vessel, beating entries that honoured scientists and explorers.

Britain's Natural Environment Research Council had asked for help finding a name that would reflect the \$284-million US ship's mission and celebrate British naval history.

The council asked for inspirational entries about environmental and polar science. But in the contest ending Saturday, Boaty McBoatface won with 124,109 votes — more than three times its closest contender. The vote was advisory, and the name will be decided by the council.

Former BBC radio host James Hand, who proposed the winning entry, has apologized for the controversy, though he still thinks it's a "brilliant name." He voted to name the ship after naturalist and broadcaster David Attenborough.

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This ship could end up being called **Boaty McBoatface**.

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# President's camp loses

BRAZIL

## Anti-Rousseff legislators appear to have upper hand

The leader of the government coalition in Brazil's lower house of Congress conceded defeat in trying to fend off the impeachment vote against President Dilma Rousseff.

Chamber of Deputies member Jose Guimaraes made the comments late Sunday as the opposition approached victory but still had not reached the threshold of votes needed to adopt the impeachment measure.

More than two hours into voting, the pro-impeachment camp was leading 254 to 87. If 342 of the Chamber of Deputies' 513 members vote in favour, the proceedings move to the Senate for a possible trial. If senators voted to hold a trial that would suspend Rousseff and hand over the

top job to Vice-President Michel Temer.

A close ally of the president lamented that many of her colleagues had "betrayed" Rousseff.

"It was a herd effect, and many (legislators) betrayed us. It was a double defeat," said Brazilian Community Party legislator Orlando Silva, a close supporter of Rousseff.

After more than 40 hours of debate that began Friday, legislators in Congress' lower house began voting one by one Sunday evening, the culmination of months of political wrangling that exposed deep polarization in Latin America's largest nation and most powerful economy.

Eduardo Cunha, the house speaker leading the impeachment push, called deputies individually, giving them time to speak before casting their vote.

After each vote, both cheers and boos erupted while legislators looked up at a board keeping score.

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Orlando Silva, a close supporter of Rousseff

MIGRANTS

# Libyan smuggling route is still growing

When more than 800 people drowned last year on an overcrowded ship bound for Italy's southernmost isle of Lampedusa, the European Union deployed a round-the-clock flotilla that has saved thousands of lives on what remains one of the world's most perilous journeys.

But one year after Europe's deadliest migrant disaster, humanitarian and security efforts off the lawless coast of Libya face a growing challenge to

catch smugglers and bring asylum-seekers to safety. Experts say crackdowns on migration at other EU borders mean that the southern Mediterranean crossing plied daily by smugglers operating out of Libya already is busier now than it was 12 months ago.

So far this year, 24,000 migrants have arrived in Italy via this route and tens of thousands more are waiting in the pipeline, according to the International Organiza-

tion for Migration. Most of those 24,000 migrants were scooped up by Italian coast guard and EU vessels from recklessly overloaded vessels.

"There could be a shipwreck tomorrow. Two boats could collide on the high seas. Even a strong multinational presence can't provide a 100 per cent safety net,"

said Federico Soda, director of the IOM's office in Rome. He said about 350 people have died so far this year trying to cross the southern Mediterranean route, nearly as many deaths over the same period as the far busier smuggling routes between Turkey and the eastern islands of Greece.

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The number of people who died so far this year trying to cross the southern Mediterranean route.

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About four decades later, policy-makers and the public

in Canada and around the world are eyeing the basic guaranteed income scheme again, buoyed by an evolving labour landscape and technological advances that have left them wondering if today's social services are enough.

Finland plans to launch a basic income pilot next year. The Swiss will soon vote on unconditional basic income in a referendum.

Closer to home, the Ontario government's latest budget promises to run a pilot in the future and multiple politicians across Canada have expressed

interest in studying the idea.

"I think people are simply looking at the state of the economy and they're starting to focus on changes that have

been taking place for a very long time," said Evelyn Forget, a professor at the University of Manitoba, who studied the so-called mincome experiment in Dauphin and

continues to research data from the pilot.

One of these changes, she said, is that work is no longer a permanent, nine-to-five gig with health coverage and a pension.

Instead, it takes longer for people to land stable employment and many shuffle between short-term contracts without such benefits, she said.

This changing labour force is prompting people to rethink how governments deliver social programs, said Forget, and realize that current solutions like income assistance are expensive and for the most part, ineffective.

"I think tensions are building in our society," said Wayne Lewchuk, a McMaster University professor of economics and labour studies.

"More and more people are questioning ... the wisdom of how we're organizing our labour markets and our economy."

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**"I think it's almost inevitable that this kind of a policy will be implemented."**

Evelyn Forget



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## LEGAL

## Company lends money to pay for your divorce

When Theresa Emerson left her 29-year marriage, she was a multimillionaire who became penniless and homeless overnight.

As the cash-poor-but-asset-rich dependent spouse, she felt helpless until she found the "fairy godmother of divorce." That was Nicole Noonan, CEO of divorce financing firm Novitas US. She stepped in with a \$150,000 US loan to cover Emerson's fight for her share of an estate she estimates is worth \$4 million US.

The 18 per cent interest rate attached to the loan is high, but the firm is also taking on a great risk — if she doesn't win, it receives nothing.

Now, Noonan wants to bring Novitas' services to Canada and plans to set up a Toronto operation in the summer or fall.

"Our next push is certainly Canada because, like the U.S., there's a lot of divorces," Noonan said.

The move would make it the first lender of its kind in this country, family law experts believe. But they're torn over whether the business is a novel

solution that helps economically disadvantaged spouses or a new form of predatory lending.

Novitas is making extremely risky loans, which is why it charges so much interest and rejects nine in 10 applicants.

Loans that cover the high cost of divorce in Canada could be one part of a solution to a family law system that has become overly complex, expensive and time-consuming, said Trevor Farrow, associate dean at Osgoode Hall Law School.

"The upside of these kind of third party arrangements is they provide access to justice opportunities for people who otherwise couldn't afford them," he said.

"The downside with these sorts of things is it turns people's tragedies and people's disputes — particularly when they're at their most vulnerable — into business opportunities."

The expense of hiring a lawyer has led to an increasing number of spouses choosing to represent themselves. But there's still the problem of economic disparity between a moneyed and dependent spouse.

In Canada, the U.K. and the U.S., divorce lawyers are not allowed to represent clients in exchange for a share of the settlement, as they do for class action or personal injury cases. But there's nothing stopping a third party funder from stepping in. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE





## URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE



### THE QUESTION

**Do wedding invitations sent to single people really need to include a 'plus-one'? Is it wrong if hosts try to control costs by limiting plus-ones to invitees in relationships?**

Dear Ellen,  
My friend is getting married. Her mother insists that invites to single people have a "plus one" but my friend says this is an out-dated idea and doesn't want to. Who's right?

X.B.

Dear X.B.,

Traditionalists will automatically employ the plus-one approach, but it's entirely acceptable nowadays to include the spouse, fiancé(e) or live-in partner of mated guests and let the singletons happily fend for themselves.

But, given that we're talking wedding etiquette here, be assured that, no matter what you do, someone will be offended. That I so much as asked my friends what they thought about the plus-one invite was insulting to some of them.

One felt that traditionalists who insist on a plus-one are judgmentally saying, "God forbid you should show up uncoupled to a sacred ritual honouring a yoked existence unto death!" Another pointed out that a major demographic shift in Canada and the U.S. has resulted in married couples no longer being in the majority. Ergo, senders of presumptuous plus-one invites could "shove it."

But a lot of people, like Sara, appreciate the gesture: "I love a plus-one, especially for a destination wedding."

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It doesn't mean I have to bring one but I like the option." Similarly, Maria said, "This type of invitation doesn't make any assumptions about your status or preferences. It's a guest, folks, and it's your choice to bring, or not bring, anyone you want."

Twenty-something Genna muses that "older people are always whining about how millennials are irresponsible and bad with money. But when we invent something like this, which saves money, they wail and whine that we have no respect for tradition." I'm not sure saving money in itself is a sufficient reason to break with tradition, but I applaud her thoughtful suggestion that hosts "just ask guests if they would like a plus-one" — though it might be infeasible if your guest list is in the triple digits.

Whichever way you go,

there's bound to be complications. Keri had a bad breakup four days before a wedding. "I would have preferred to miss the event altogether but didn't want to disappoint my friend so told her I wouldn't be using the plus-one (and the reason why), with apologies. She demanded that I find someone to fill the seat so the +1 wouldn't go to 'waste.' I have no idea of the etiquette of that, but it seems to me that forced plus-ones are maybe as bad as no plus-ones at all?"

Another excruciating example comes from Nora: "My first marriage, ahem, split up a couple of days before a good friend's wedding. Because of the empty seat beside me, I was forced to lie over and over and over again all night about where my husband was because the seat hadn't been removed (even though the bride and groom knew

— though, frankly, they had better things to worry about). So here's a point of etiquette for hosts: If a plus-one bails, then remove the flippin' place setting."

One person argued that she didn't want plus-ones at her wedding because she didn't want people there that she didn't know or didn't like. This kind of faulty reasoning I cannot condone, unless you are also willing to exclude partners of friends and family whom you barely know or find boring, boorish or otherwise obnoxious.

I'll give the last word to Aaron, who thinks guests should go along with whatever their hosts want to do on their big day, and adds, sensibly: "People need to be less offended by everything."

**Need advice?**  
**Email Ellen:**  
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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

### What women achieve when they can be more than just wives

Back in the ancient days of the 2015 federal election, I met a young Conservative operative for coffee.

I wanted to know: How did Stephen Harper speak to her, as a woman? And what did she make of feminism? She was nonplussed. We live in an equal society, she told me.

Oh, how I wish I could have handed her Rebecca Traister's new book *All the Single Ladies: Unmarried Women and the Rise of an Independent Nation*.

It is the definitive historical and modern account of unmarried women in the U.S. Even as a Canadian, reading it felt like hearing my own story told, in satisfying complexity, for the first time. In the extensive research and interviews with dozens of women, I found my own perpetual conundrum exposed: How can I best fight for all women's rights, in a world that already assumes equality? And more personally perplexing: How can I separate my own desires from society's insidious expectations? Traister said, I can't.

"When it comes, for example, to the distribution of domestic responsibility, one of the things you hear so often is, 'I'm just better at doing dishes; he leaves crap on the dishes,'" she told me during a trip to Toronto. "If we were at a place where we actually had gender equality, you could say that and it would be plausible. But because there are so many

structural inequalities remaining, it makes it hard to untangle what is about individual preference."

Such depressing realities notwithstanding, the book is also a celebration of what women accomplish when they can be more than just wives. Did you know, for example, that single women were instrumental in the labour and abolition movements? Or that "it's single women who have perhaps played as large a part as anyone in saving marriage in America" by refusing to submit to its restrictions?

One of the most surprising aspects of the book is the way it shows that women still feel alone, freakish and conspicuous, at the exact moment when singledom has statistically outpaced marriage. And how that threat of female power has become politically dangerous because of the backlash it has inspired, including during this presidential election.

"It's very scary," Traister said. "I feel the election is going to come down to being a referendum to how we feel about the advancements of people of colour and of women." Some old-stock Americans, who have seen their privilege wane, are angry, she says, and could decide to take it out on those vulnerable groups.

In that sense, a book about women has a lot to say on why this U.S. election seems crazier than most.

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# Text-sized wisdom for grads

NEW RELEASE

## Mom's advice book balances snark and seriousness

Becky Blades wrote her oldest daughter a letter after she left home for college offering all the advice and words of wisdom she wished she had dispensed beforehand.

Her daughter had some advice of her own: Turn the letter into a book. Blades, who lives in Kansas City, Mo., did just that and the result is a nifty, gifty little book titled, *Do Your Laundry or You'll Die Alone*, out in April from Sourcebooks.

Blades knows her audience, keeping her pearls mostly text length — and funny.

"They're in this short attention span stage of life," she said in a recent interview. "Our best communications happen in text. It's kind of that irritating motherly voice that we know and love, but at that stage in life they really don't like to hear it."

So how did it come to pass that kids leave home these days without the most basic survival skills: laundry, mending or the sense to know that good posture is slimming?

Yes, Millennial and Gen Z Virginia, SPEAK CLEARLY. Enunciate. Articulate. Spit out your gum.

"And we blame ourselves, or I did. I think it has to do with time and how much they have to do. The other piece is the things that they have to do to fill their



As a mother of two teens, Becky Blades wondered how it came to pass that kids leave home without the most basic survival skills. So she wrote a book they can take with them to school. ISTOCK

time. When we were free-range humans, we went looking for things to do and family was kind of that place, and things were just kind of absorbed. Your mom said, 'Here, do the laundry, here's how.' My oldest was very ambitious and very driven and I gave her a laundry pass. She could hardly get her studies done. We help too much."

Now, her youngest is a college sophomore and her older, driven one just graduated from Harvard.

And mom just got around to writing the book.

Blades numbers her bits of advice and inspiration, with 271 in all. She includes seven ruled blank pages at the end for moms and dads to write in their own pearls before handing the book over to their kids.

It was her oldest daughter's first day of senior year in high school when Blades realized exactly how much she had let slide. "There was a whole litany

of things. I thought 'Have I ever had the birth control conversation, have I ever talked to her about this or this? What does the time get filled with?' It either gets filled with all the social media and things like YouTube. We don't sit around and tell grandma stories and pass down generational tidbits. We sit down and look at YouTube or say look at this or this on the computer," Blades said.

Rather than data-driven bullet

points or chapters of soliloquy like so many parenting books are crammed with, Blades offers humour and snark to connect. Consider her No. 8:

"Friends don't let friends: drive drunk, text while driving, get

discount body art."

She wanted to cut to the chase and eliminate much of the noise in talking to teens. How much do they actually hear, anyway?

No. 202 is a good example: "Reinvent yourself as often as you want. Just keep the essence that makes you you."

And this less funny but truly important tip in No. 233: "Check your paycheck. Make sure you know how much you are being paid and what is being taken out."

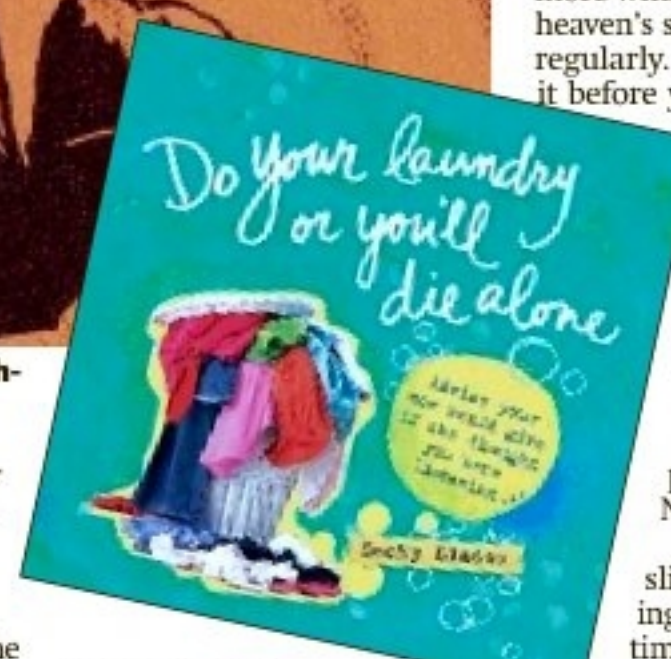
Blades leaves no topic uncovered: Buy a sewing kit and learn to use it. Cotton always shrinks so buy big. Wool shrinks when you get it wet, and shrinks some more when you dry it. And, for heaven's sake, do your laundry regularly. Try every week. Do it before you run out of clean

underwear. She takes on sex, bullying, common courtesy, etiquette and basic interpersonal skills such as: "Look people in the eye. You'll discover this is hard to do while looking at your phone" and, "Listen. No, but really listen."

So are her girls, slightly older now, doing just that? Most of the time, Blades said.

"I was talking a lot about the book before it was done, so they're really sick of hearing about it," she said. "Their dad will always say, 'Hey guys, that's in the book. For cryin' out loud, it's in the book.'"

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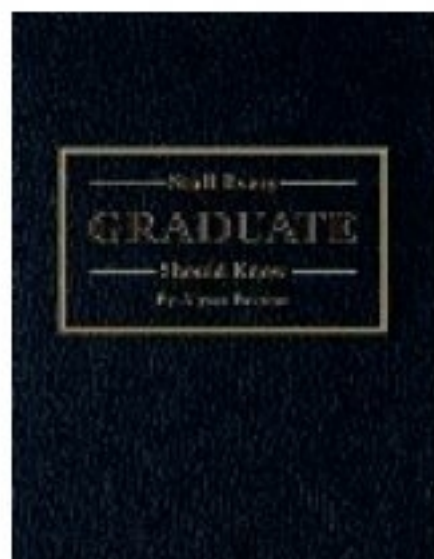
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# Coexist peacefully with roomies



As a recent graduate, you may have questions about the adult world you are poised to enter. Alyssa Favreau offers advice on building a grownup wardrobe and writing a cover letter to buying a car and using credit cards. Here is her advice to anyone who is about to find themselves living with a roommate.

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## How to Coexist with Roommates

Whether you're best friends intent on spending all your free time together or civil strangers who happen to share a home, a positive stress-free roommate relationship is the best kind. Here's how to stay happy, friendly, and sane when problems arise.

**Problem:** Your roommate is all up in your business and you can't stand it.

**Solution:** The key to living well communally is setting clear boundaries beforehand (quiet hours, off-limits spaces like bedrooms, shared food, etc.), but if your roomies accidentally use all your expensive salon shampoo while making noise after midnight and hogging the bathroom, don't flip! Give them the benefit of the doubt — they probably just didn't know. Politely point out the transgression, remind them you're not mad (even if you are, a little), and

establish a clear protocol for similar situations going forward.

**Problem:** You're doing all the chores.

**Solution:** What we have here is a failure to communicate. One person's "clean" is another person's "barely touched with a sponge." Approach your roommate with a friendly smile and discuss what should be cleaned and when. If things still go unscrubbed, talk again and institute a structured official system (yes, you can tack a chore chart on the fridge if you want). If it gets really nasty, consider asking your 'mates to pitch in for maid service.

**Problem:** Resentment is brewing and everyone is tense.

**Solution:** Talk early, clearly, and often. Consider having regular house meetings (especially if you're three or more people) when complaints and questions can



Author Alyssa Favreau. HANDOUT

be aired — an established forum to deal with issues will make it easier to address perpetual milk stealing or the couple whose nighttime fun is messing up everyone else's sleep schedules. If

things get heated or worse, remind everyone that you're speaking up because you want a happy household. Be willing to compromise, for the love of the group's mental health. Sometimes you

get to stand firm on every-one flushing the toilet, other times you'll have to cave and buy the detergent because you use it more than anyone else. That's (roommate) life.

**Problem:** You've really tried to give this thing a shot, but your living situation is just not working.

**Solution:** Some people don't get along in close quarters. Maybe you make good friends but terrible roommates, maybe you didn't anticipate awful significant others or just how bothersome loud midnight snack-making could be. If it's not a good situation, moving out could save the friendship and your sanity. Just pack it in responsibly: give at least one or two months' heads-up, and if you still have time on the lease, find a subletter that your roommate is comfortable with. Don't steal away in the night and leave your roomie scrambling to cover costs you signed up for.

## FASHION

# Jason Wu feted at CAFA gala

Jason Wu has added to his lengthy list of accolades with a win at the Canadian Arts & Fashion Awards. The award-winning New York-based designer was named international Canadian designer of the year at the CAFA gala in Toronto on Friday.

The award recognizes a designer that has achieved success abroad and brought attention to Canadian talent on the world stage. The Taiwanese-born Wu moved when he was nine to Vancouver, where he learned how to sew, draft patterns and sketch in fashion proportions by using dolls as mannequins.

Among Wu's high-profile clients is Michelle Obama. The wife of U.S. President Barack Obama has worn creations by the designer throughout her husband's presidency, including luxurious gowns for both inaugurations.

She wore a strapless gown designed by Wu during the White House state dinner held in honour of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his wife Sophie Grégoire Trudeau last month.

Gregoire Trudeau was among the famous faces in attendance at the CAFAs, which recognize homegrown talent within the arts and fashion community.

In a first-time partnership, CAFA is teaming up with the Toronto Maple Leafs on a program that will seek out two fashion



Jason Wu was named international Canadian designer of the year at the CAFA gala on Friday. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

designers to create men's and women's capsule collections for the 2017-18 NHL season.

This year's gala was held at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, and was hosted by actress Kim Cattrall of Sex and the City fame, who currently stars on the Toronto-shot series Sensitive Skin.

Toronto-based label Greta Constantine — which recently marked its 10th anniversary — was recognized with womenswear designer of the year honours for duo Kirk Pickersgill and Stephen Wong.

Vancouver-based label Wings + Horns was named menswear designer of the year.

Reigning Mercedes-Benz Start Up winner UNTLD was also vic-

torious at the CAFAs. The Montreal-based label helmed by Jose Manuel St-Jacques and Simon Belanger was recognized with the emerging talent in fashion design award.

Fellow Montreal-based designer Lauren Klassen took home the prize for emerging talent in accessory design.

Ottawa-born twins Byron and Dexter Peart were winners once again in the accessory designer of the year honours for their brand WANT Les Essentiels. The label won the inaugural CAFA in the same category in 2014.

Ryerson University graduate Hamish Thwaites was honoured with the fashion design student award. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Being in debt can get you down, but allow yourself to imagine what life will be like when you rid yourself of the money monkey on your back and you'll stay motivated. ISTOCK

### MONEY MANAGEMENT

## A little bit of imagining will help you stay motivated

**Gail Vaz-Oxlade**  
For Metro Canada



It's tough staying motivated when you're living on a budget and you feel like it'll never end. So, you know how people go out and buy a lottery ticket so they can dream big for a week? Here's something you can do that will not only put some dreaming back into your life, but help keep you moving towards becoming debt-free forever.

Imagine for a moment that you have finally paid off your last debt. That likely means you have all that money you've been snowballing for debt repayment that can now be incorporated back into your budget. It's almost like getting a raise, right? So what would you do with that money? How much would you save? What goals would you start working towards? And what new spending categories would you add to your budget?

Recalculate your budget assuming your debt is gone and all that debt repayment money is yours for the keeping.

This is a great exercise for

three reasons:

1. You will remind yourself of just how dumb debt is.
2. You will enjoy the anticipation of being debt free and that'll help keep you on track.
3. You can start planning what you'll do with the money once you do get to debt-free forever.

This third point is just as important as the first two. Sometimes, having finally achieved debt freedom, folks become intoxicated with all the extra money they have. They start thinking of themselves as "rich" and stop paying attention to the details.

The flip side of this is the unwillingness to spend that sometimes comes after years of living frugally. Having scared yourself to death and promised to always be vigilant about not "wasting" money, you could find it extremely difficult to go out and spend.

Both these reactions are just that: reactions. They are emotional. They aren't based in logic or sound money management. And one of the best ways to overcome them is to start looking at how life will be different down the road so you can get used to the idea of finally being debt-free.

No one says that the first budget you make has to be the budget you end up living with. This is your opportunity to practise, at least on

paper, how you'll deal with the extra money you have in your cash flow once the final payment on your debt is made. At first you may want to just blow through some money because you can. Or you may finally be able to start saving towards home ownership, going back to school, or a long-wished-for family vacation.

It's your money. You can do anything you want with it.

Take your new budget and post it up on your bulletin board or on your refrigerator. Look at it. Enjoy it. And as you get used to the idea of having more money to spend, think about what it is you really, really want. Adjust your budget as you figure out what's most important to you. Stay focused on the future and how great it will be to have eliminated the weight of debt you've been carrying.

**EYES ON THE PRIZE**  
Stay focused on the future and how great it will be to have eliminated the weight of debt you've been carrying.

Eventually, you'll tweak that budget to be just what you want it to be. In the meantime, anticipating how life will be different will help you see how what you're doing without today will bring a big payoff tomorrow.

For more money advice, visit Gail's website at [gailvazoxlade.com](http://gailvazoxlade.com)



# Online carding not called for: lawyer

## PRIVACY

### Users locked in 'Facebook jail' asked for passports, ID

Thousands of Sarah Bell's online friends knew her only by her roller derby nickname, R'effin Adora Bell.

Facebook simply knew her as a brazen offender of its real-name policy.

Bell was locked out of her account for using a pseudonym — for security reasons, she says, and was shocked to learn how Facebook demanded she prove her identity.

Facebook insisted she share digital copies of her passport and driver's licence to get her account back. After a five-week battle to maintain her privacy, she reluctantly gave in.

"Eventually I had no choice," she says with a sigh while detailing last year's incident.

"They shut down my primary mode of communication with people.... I couldn't argue with them anymore."

Bell's experience is far from rare. Daily complaints on Facebook and Twitter suggest lockdowns in so-called "Facebook jail" have been a regular occurrence for years, and often for unclear reasons.

Technology lawyer David

Fewer questions why the social-media giant can't verify users through other means. Just because it's a condition of use doesn't make it right, he says.

"There are other kinds of mechanisms available to Facebook to get after identities," says Fewer, director of the Ottawa-based Canadian Internet Policy & Public Interest Clinic.

"Just because bad stuff happens, that doesn't mean that we all ought to be providing our identities and our identity documents just to use a service like this."

Toronto actor/director Michael Mahonen says he was forced to submit his driver's licence to prove his identity, even though he didn't use a pseudonym.

He suspected another user complained about his posts discussing China's treatment of Falun Gong practitioners, leaving him scrambling to find out why Google could no longer find his Facebook page.

"It essentially disappeared off the Internet," Mahonen says. "It's just too easy for anybody to do this to someone they don't like."

When he asked Facebook why he was locked out, he says he was told he wasn't allowed to know.

Mahonen bristled at being asked for government identification, but says to Facebook's credit, it was suggested he could black out some personal data, including his licence number.

Facebook spokeswoman Meg

Sinclair says account lockdowns usually happen when community standards are violated.

"People have to be their real identity online, that's what differentiates Facebook from most other platforms," says Sinclair.

"It's one of our most important safety features. We've seen time and time again that people are much more respectful if they're using their real names."

Fewer notes that privacy laws

prevent companies from keeping personal information longer than they require, and organizations like Facebook generally don't want to store such data since it increases their liabilities.

Bell says she initially sent other documents proving her identity, including a trading card and links to website bios. That initially permitted her to re-enter her account, but she was locked out again when another

administrator said she needed more proof.

Bell wonders why Facebook wouldn't let her keep her real name private once it was verified. She says using her real name actually limited her social circle.

"Suddenly there's this 'Sarah' that is no longer being connected with anyone because nobody tags you, nobody invites you," she says. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**There are other mechanisms available to Facebook to get after identities**

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# 'If my job was easy, I wouldn't enjoy it'

## WHY I LIKE MY JOB

**Lauren Mozer, 28, Owner/Executive Chef at Elle Cuisine, Toronto, Ont.**

With my job, every day is a little different than the last. First, I get into the kitchen/office and meet with my chefs. We review upcoming events and menus for the week, then get to work.

Then I meet with my events team; we chat about events and client requests, and share feedback from the previous week. We're always working on improving our services.

I love good food and providing unique food experiences to our clients. I love that every day brings new challenges and excitement. I never get bored, and am always amazed by the people I work with and the clients I work for.

From the financial organization of our business, to the cooking, to the event planning and staff dynamics, every part of my job is challenging. But I love challenges. If my job was easy, I wouldn't enjoy it as much as I do. **METRO**

After graduating with a degree in Anthropology and Sociology from McGill, Mozer completed George Brown's two-year Culinary Management Program.



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## THE BASICS: Chef

# \$33,000

Median wage of people working as chefs. Some make as much as **\$51,000** per year working in restaurants and catering companies. Salaries for chefs who own their own businesses vary widely. According to PayScale.com, the median wage for an executive chef is **\$57,386**.

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The amount of growth expected in this field over the next four years.

Data for this feature was provided by payscale.com, hollandcollege.com, georgebrown.ca and lbpc.ca

## HOW TO START

A diploma in culinary arts, culinary skills or professional cooking is a great starting point for would-be chefs. Specializing in baking or patisserie skills is also an option.

## WHERE YOU CAN GO

Executive chef, research chef and food and nutrition manager are just a few of the titles open to chefs looking for professional expansion.

## NEXT CAREER STEP

Culinary management programs combine chef training with business and entrepreneurial skills. Depending on individual career paths, they can be either a starting point or the next step towards owning or managing a culinary business. A bachelor's degree in hospitality operations management or food service management can also be a path to management, while specializing in nutrition science can lead to work in the health-care sector. **METRO**

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# Students to scout for diamonds



**Alex Boyd**  
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The University of Alberta wants to train the next generation of diamond hunters.

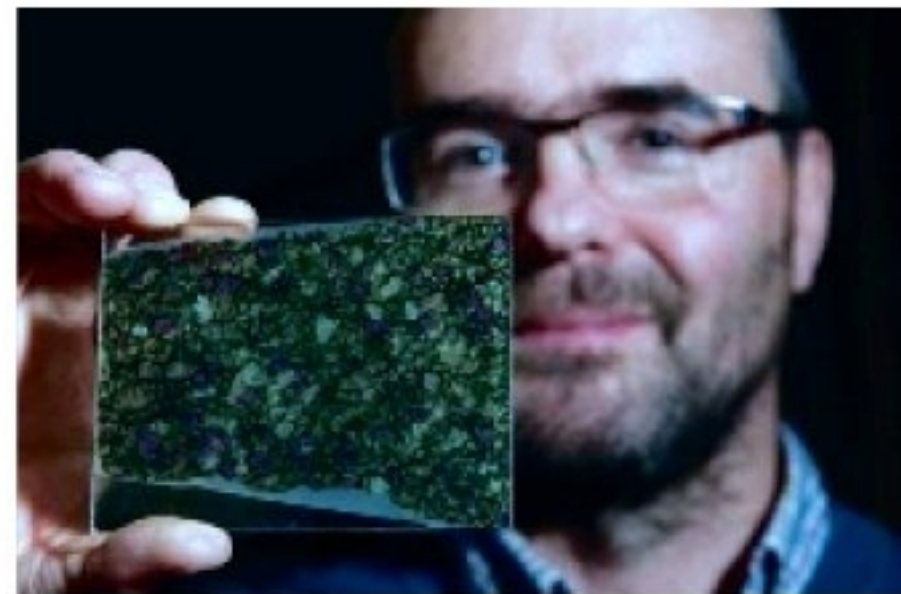
The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council has announced an investment of \$1.65 million over the next six years to create a new Diamond Exploration Research and Training School (DERTS).

Canada's diamond industry is worth roughly \$2 billion, but with two out of three Canadian mines within about a decade of running out of diamond ore, the pressure is on to find new ones to keep the sparkly stuff flowing.

The major issue, according to DERTS principal investigator Graham Pearson, also the Canada Excellence Chair in Arctic Resources at the U of A, is that finding a diamond deposit makes finding a needle in a haystack look easy.

"The richness of the deposit can be measured in carats per tonne. And a really good deposit might be one carat per tonne. So what does that mean in reality? A carat is 0.2 of a gram so you're looking at parts per million of diamonds," he said.

The mines in the Northwest Territories were found by tracing



**Dr. Graham Pearson, the Canada Excellence Chair in Arctic Resources at the University of Alberta, holds up a sample.**

EPIC PHOTOGRAPHY

faint trails of indicator minerals over hundreds of kilometres, he says.

Complicating things further: Unlike gold, for example, the value of a diamond can vary wildly, even within the same deposit. So after a deposit is found someone needs to estimate its value.

"One of the toughest jobs in all of mining is to predict what a diamond deposit is going to be worth. I would not like to be making that decision. It's a very hard decision," Pearson said.

The hope is that the new school, launching in September 2016, will help train people who have these kinds of skills. The

new money means the research of fifteen PhD and master's students will be fully funded.

The program will also work with 10 industry partners, including familiar names like De Beers, Diavik Mine and Dominion Diamond Corporation's Ekati mine.

Pearson says they're currently scouting for students with a background in geography and geophysics — but who is also just passionate about diamonds.

"Diamonds give you a unique window into the earth," he said. "They're the deepest samples of the earth that you're ever going to put your hands on."



**JOHANNA SCHNELLER** **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

## A classic, satisfying TV-movie ending



Kerry Washington as Anita Hill. HBO

**THE SHOW:** Confirmation (HBO)  
**THE MOMENT:** The letters

Law professor Anita Hill (Kerry Washington) has been through hell.

She didn't want to testify that U.S. Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas (Wendell Pierce) sexually harassed her when she worked for him. As she says, "When someone comes forward, the victim becomes the villain."

But she made her case on live TV, and it divided the nation. Now he's been approved by the U.S. Senate, 52 to 48, and she's returning to her university office.

She pauses in the doorway. Stacks of mail bins stuffed with letters rest on every surface. Opening one at random, she reads aloud: "Dear Professor Hill, for 25 years my boss has treated me like his personal property...Watching you this week felt like I was watching someone stand up for me." For the first time in her ordeal,

Hill cries.

This is the classic historical telefilm ending: the triumphant loss. Our heroine didn't win her war, but her courage shone a light on an important issue and opened the door for new battles.

As an end-crawl tells us, in the wake of Hill's hearing, the number of sexual harassment cases filed with the Equal Opportunity Commission doubled, 42 per cent of women federal workers reported they'd been sexually harassed recently, and the next congressional election saw the largest number of women win in U.S. history.

The triumphant loss allows filmmakers to have it both ways: They stir our moral outrage while fanning our hope—and remind us that, 20 years later, harassment victims are still fighting the same battle.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

# The model trailblazer

INTERVIEW

## 'The Body' paved the way for social media stars

**Shinan Govani**  
For Torstar News Service

The woman born Eleanor Nancy Gow, down under, swoops into the Fairmont Royal York, her mouth a half-moon grin. Her beauty, amped up to an 11, is as taunting as the chocolate on a pillow they leave you at the poshest of hotels.

"She's 52?!" is the general chant in the ballroom, where the guests milling on Friday night include Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau, Galen Weston Jr. and Kim Cattrall.

Known for years as Elle Macpherson, having amassed a career in which she managed the tightrope between swimsuit model and capital-F Fashion model, and then became a second-act self-mogul, she'd arrived in Toronto to receive the Vanguard Award at the Canadian Arts & Fashion Awards. Worth around \$45 million, and with the flush that comes with a newly acquired mogul-husband, she was the portrait of easy boho-chick.

The insouciance belies an iron will, as was made all too clear when I met her for a chat earlier that day.

"The strongest drink I take is ginger ale," she demurred, going on to describe her no-alcohol, no-red-meat, little-coffee, all-alkaline diet (one, no doubt, harnessed by her own wellness



Supermodel Elle Macpherson at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto, where she accepted the Vanguard Award at the Canadian Arts & Fashion Awards. GEORGE PIMENTEL

brand, WelleCo, which boasts a green powder elixir, among other miracles). Regrets? She's had a few. "I wish I'd worn sunblock," she shrugged, adding, "I grew up in the '70s in Australia."

Macpherson was a harbinger of all the Kendalls and Gigs who fill the modelling sphere now, a world of face-time, of near-constant streaming, of a fashion scene that hinges on hashtags.

In 1994, she left Ford Models to form her own company, Elle Macpherson Inc., knocking out the middleman, later creating her own calendar after years on the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue (she appeared on the cover a record five times).

Before that, she'd founded her intimates line, leveraging the nickname "The Body" handed to her in a famous Time story.

This was well before "branding" was a concept that 10-year-olds learn in the playground.

Leveraging her fame, including a drive on the model-to-actor expressway, her stint in acting was abbreviated at best, but it did last long enough for her to snog a Sir (Anthony Hopkins in The Edge), bewitch Joey Tribbiani (recurring on Friends), and live down the indignities of George Clooney's most notorious pivot (ah, yes, Batman and Robin).

In her personal life, after a starter-marriage with French photographer Gilles Bensimon, and then a long union with French financier Arpad Busson (with whom she had two sons, now 17 and 13), she finally made it official again with billionaire realtor Jeffrey Soffer. Being a good wife, and ever the mar-

keting wiz, she oohs about the famous Fontainebleau hotel, in Miami Beach, which her husband happens to own.

Have family. Will blend. She tells me that Canada looms now in their clan because her stepson plays hockey, and she's trotted up here for tournaments.

Blessed in both work and love, and in possession of the Fountain of Youth, is there anything that "The Body" can't do? Turns out she's a dunce at selfies. When asked for one by an admirer while in Toronto, I saw her wrestle for many minutes with the phone. She tried sitting. She stood. She titled this way and that way. Exasperated, she muttered, "I'm no good at selfies."

Let's leave the mugging to the newer girls, shall we?



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# Blues in the face

NHL PLAYOFFS

## Schwartz goal propels St. Louis back into series lead

The St. Louis Blues kept pushing and pushing until a costly play by Patrick Kane provided an opening. And there was nothing for the Chicago Blackhawks to challenge.

GAME 3 in Chicago



Jaden Schwartz scored at 13:32 of the third period with Kane in the penalty box for high-sticking, and the Blues beat the Blackhawks 3-2 on Sunday for a 2-1 lead in their first-round playoff series.

Patrik Berglund and rookie Colton Parayko also scored as St. Louis rallied after a difficult 3-2 loss in Game 2 that included two key coach's challenges that went against the Blues — one of them wiping out a tiebreaking goal for Vladimir Tarasenko.

Brian Elliott made 44 saves Sunday, keeping St. Louis in the game during Chicago's strong



The Blues' Jaden Schwartz collides with Blackhawks goaltender Corey Crawford on Sunday in Chicago. JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES

second period.

"No one said it was going to be a short series and even with them getting the win in Game 2, that didn't affect us," Schwartz said. "We came out and executed again today and we did a good job of that."

It was Chicago's first regulation loss when leading after

two periods since Game 2 of the 2014 Western Conference final against the Los Angeles Kings. The Blackhawks had been 70-0-4 since the start of last season when they had the lead at the beginning of the third, according to STATS.

"That was a tough loss," Blackhawks coach Joel Quenne-

ville said. "Let's get back into it. But it was a pretty competitive game, kind of comparable to what we saw in the first two."

Brent Seabrook and Artem Anisimov scored for the Blackhawks, who dropped to 28-7 in home playoff games since the 2013 post-season.

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## Red Wings on the board with shutout

Andreas Athanasiou and Henrik Zetterberg scored, Petr Mrazek made 16 saves and the Detroit Red Wings beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 2-0 on Sunday night.

Detroit cut its deficit to 2-1 in the first-round series. Game 4 is Tuesday night at Joe Louis Arena. Game 5, which is now necessary, will be at Tampa Bay.

After brawling late in the last game, gloves were dropped, fists flew and there were piles of players on the ice when the Game 3 ended.

Ben Bishop made 28 saves for the Lightning, who had their top line of Tyler Johnson, Nikita Kucherov and Alex Killorn shut down after each of the three had six points in the first two games of the series.

Kucherov scored first in each of the first two games, while Killorn and Johnson scored the tiebreaking goals in the third periods.

Detroit's rookie coach, Jeff Blashill, benched goaltender

GAME 3 in Detroit



Jimmy Howard for Game 3 and put Mrazek in net. The move seemed to work, though, as the Red Wings' swarming defence and backchecking forwards limited Tampa Bay's shots on net.

At the other end, the Red Wings kept Bishop much busier.

Athanasiou, a rookie, scored his first career playoff goal midway through the second period on a one-timer from the left circle that fluttered between Bishop's stick on the short side.

Zetterberg crashed the net late in the second period and was credited with a goal that appeared to go off his left skate.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Wild add blue-line insurance

The Minnesota Wild have recalled defenceman Mike Reilly from Iowa of the AHL.

The Wild trail Dallas 2-0 in their best-of-seven playoff series. Reilly was recalled on Sunday and is expected to be ready if needed for Game 3 in Minnesota on Monday night.

The 22-year-old Reilly had one goal and six assists in 29 games for the Wild this season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Cavs hold off pesky Pistons

Kyrie Irving scored 31 points in his first playoff game since being injured in last year's NBA Finals and Kevin Love added 28, leading the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 106-101 win over the young and confident Detroit Pistons in the opener of their first-round playoff series Sunday.

LeBron James added 22 points and 11 assists for the top-seeded Cavs.

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CURLING

## Gushue caps Grand Slam by winning Players' Championship



Brad Gushue's rink earned a total of \$101,500 this past week.

ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brad Gushue defeated defending champion Brad Jacobs 5-4 in Sunday's men's final to win the Players' Championship and complete a career Grand Slam.

Gushue and his rink from St. John's, N.L., — featuring third Mark Nichols, second Brett Gallant and lead Geoff Walker — already claimed the Rogers Grand Slam Cup on Saturday and earned a total of \$101,500 for their week of work.

Gushue has had a very successful Grand Slam of Curling series, winning three titles including the National and Elite

### + SEASON CHAMP

Ottawa's Rachel Homan won this season's Rogers Grand Slam Cup women's title as the overall season champion, earning a \$75,000 bonus.

10. He also finished runner-up at the Tour Challenge Tier 1.

Also on Sunday, Scotland's Eve Muirhead won her third Players' Championship title with a 9-6 victory over Winnipeg's Jen-

nifer Jones in the women's final.

Gushue grabbed singles in the first and second end, but Jacobs, from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., scored a deuce in the third to make it 2-2 going into the fourth end.

The two teams traded singles in the fourth and fifth end before Gushue made it 5-3 when he took two in the sixth. Jacobs made it 5-4 in the seventh but could not come any closer after running out of rocks in the eighth.

Earlier in the day, Jones defeated Winnipeg's Kerri Einarson



Jennifer Jones  
GETTY IMAGES FILE

6-4 in the semi-final to clinch a berth into the 2017 Canadian Olympic curling trials. The spot was up for grabs after Scotties Tournament of Hearts champion Chelsea Carey finished off of the podium at the worlds. Jones won the last trials and captured the gold medal at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. THE CANADIAN PRESS



# RECIPE Niçoise Pasta



PHOTO: MAYA VISNIEI

**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

This recipe is the cozy, pasta version of my all-time favourite salads. And I bet you have most of the ingredients in your pantry right now.

**Ready in**  
Prep time: 5 minutes  
Cook time: 20 minutes

## Ingredients

- 500 grams spaghetti
- 3 Tbsps olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1/2 cup black olives, pitted and roughly chopped
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, roughly chopped
- 1/4 cup capers
- 2 x 5 oz tin of tuna, drained
- 3 or 4 leaves of fresh basil, torn into pieces
- 1/2 cup Parmesan, grated

## Directions

**1.** Put a bit pot of well-salted water on to boil. Cook pasta according to package instructions. Just before you drain, remove 1 cup of cooking liquid and set aside

**2.** In another large pot, warm up olive oil over medium heat. Toss in garlic, tomatoes, olives and capers. Stir and let the garlic cook for a couple of minutes. Add the tuna and break it up a bit, not too much.

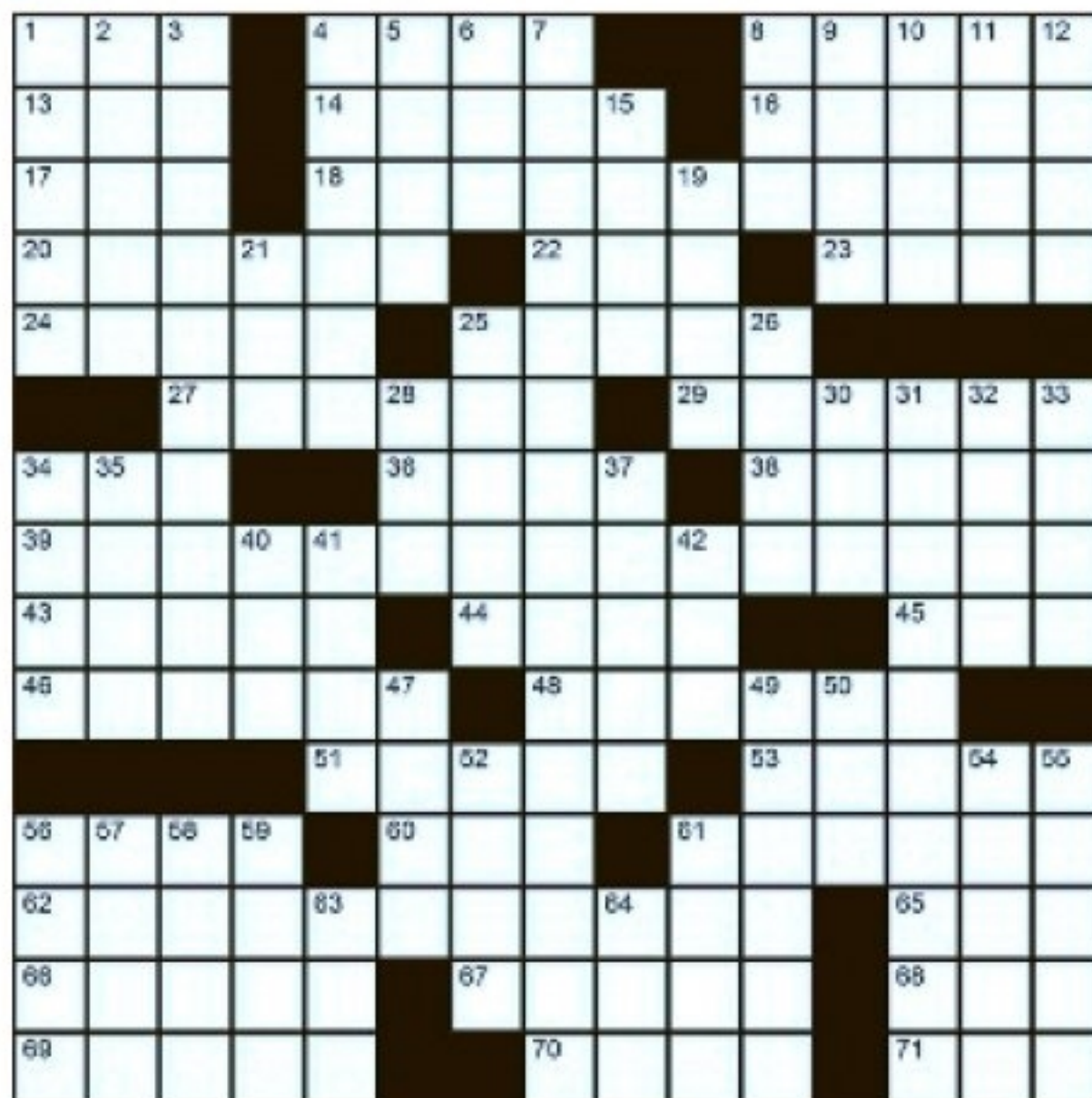
**3.** Add the cooked pasta and toss together until the pasta is well-coated and the rest of the ingredients are spread throughout. Pour in your cooking liquid bit by bit until the pasta loosens up.

**4.** Serve with a topping of grated Parmesan and fresh basil.

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# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



## ACROSS

- TV part [abbr.]
- Money
- Happen
- Howe'er
- Run \_ of (Conflict)
- \_ wheat bread
- Vodka, e.g.
- Lotto Max's extra prizes when the jackpot reaches \$50,000,000
- More mawkish
- Quebec 'friend'
- Thundering sound
- Without a \_ stand on
- Pray at the pew
- Guarantee
- More fictitious
- TV personality Ms. Vieira, to pals
- Diana \_ & The Supremes
- Bishop's hat
- Barrens Willow of Newfoundland, as an example of one unique to Canada: 2 wds.
- Brandon \_ Hilary Swank Oscar-winning role
- Prefix to 'bat' (Circus performer)
- Froms opposites
- Author Mr. Hemingway
- Discount
- Blender setting
- "\_ \_ \_ Feel the Noise": 1983 hit for Quiet Riot
- "Scram!"
- Cave's ceiling clinger
- '70s songstress Ms. Carpenter's

62. 'Natural Region' of the Tuktut Nogait National Park in the Northwest Territories: 2 wds.  
65. Napoleonic Wars marshal  
66. Bandleader/clarinettist Mr. Shaw  
67. "Can't you \_ \_?"

(Hey! I'm over here!)  
68. Food container  
69. \_ Ambition (Madonna's 1990 world tour)  
70. Movie studio  
71. Canadian engineering group, \_ \_ \_ Lavalin

## DOWN

- Lesley of "60 Minutes"
- Ms. Sevigny
- Landscaper's creation: 2 wds.
- Engraved-head necklace pieces
- Way off
- Chicago White \_
- CFHS = Canadian Federation of \_ \_ (Host of the National Animal Welfare Conference, in Toronto from April 16th to 19th, 2016)
- Hedwig, for one
- Fashionable
- Hip
- Forearm bone

- Reply to, briefly
- Green hue
- Poet's 'willingly'
- TGIF part
- Iceland monetary unit
- Desk light
- 'Text' suffix
- Small, small-ly
- Financial mailings
- Mr. Rubik (Rubik's Cube inventor)
- Soaks flax
- Bitty bug
- Vitality [abbr.]
- \_ protector (Electronics store purchase)
- Suffix with 'Hero'
- Heave
- Ben, to Brian Mulroney
- Band's big brass
- Irish playwright Sean (b.1880 - d.1964)
- Karel Capek sci-fi play
- Hurrahs!
- To \_ Paradise (Edgar Allan Poe poem)
- "Tearin' Up My Heart" quintet
- Wild guess
- Lose yer lunch
- Catch \_ ('Get')
- Aesir ruler
- J-O link
- Canadian flag colour
- British singer Mr. Sayer

# \*IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Take a look in the mirror today. What can you do to improve yourself? Ponder this today, but wait until tomorrow to act.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
A secret love affair with someone older might take place today. Others might make private plans with someone who is more experienced or in a position of authority.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Don't hesitate to ask someone older or more experienced for his or her advice today, because you will benefit. The tricky thing is that tomorrow is a better day to apply whatever you learn.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Discussions with authority figures will be friendly and helpful today. However, do not volunteer for anything today — wait until tomorrow.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Today you will appreciate the creative efforts of others, especially people from other countries or different cultures. Do not buy anything today except for gas and food.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
A romantic relationship with someone older might begin today. If you have discussions about shared property and inheritances, wait until tomorrow to make important decisions.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
This is a good day to discuss problems with a friend or a partner, because your sense of reality is strong. However, to be wise, wait until tomorrow to agree to anything important.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
You want to protect what you have at work today; however, it's imperative to know this is a poor day for important decisions. Just get your facts.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Relations with children will be serious today. Even romantic relationships will involve discussions about responsibilities and shared expenses. Wait until tomorrow to know what you really want to do.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
This is a good day to get your facts in order so that you can secure your family in a better way for the future. Someone older might have advice for you. Make your decision tomorrow.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
It will be easy to attend to routine tasks that require attention to detail, because your mind is focused today. However, if you are signing important documents, wait until tomorrow.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Your approach to finances will be conservative today. Do not buy anything today except for gas and food.

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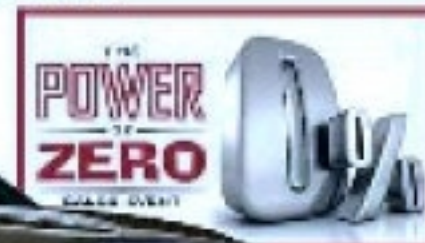
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